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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Cover Division/Plans/OSO
FROM : Chief, Contact Division, OO
SUBJECT: MIKOLA ABRAMTCHIK, OO/C Cases 4092 and 4915

DATE: 1 April 1952

1. Attached as enclosure is report of interview between our [] representative and subject, prior to latter's departure for Europe.

ATTACHMENT: As listed above.

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ENCLOSURE 'A'

Re: Last Messages from Mr A

1. Subject indicated that he will depart for Paris at 5:00 PM, Monday, 31 March, via TWA. He expects to be in Munich about two weeks later.

2. He indicated that he had received "a small signal" indicating that the British are preparing operations directed at the USSR. He will check on this story when he gets to Europe.

3. Subject claimed that he had previous conversation regarding the Nina Litvinchik case with you in Washington. You would, therefore, understand the significance of the following remarks. When Nina contacted Dr Stanberich, Munich journalistic friend of subject's group, the latter agreed to "play" with her at the suggestion of our friends in Munich. Prior to Nina's arrest, the following incident occurred. Dr Stanberich met Nina at a cafe. One of our friends accompanied by a Caucasian National and member of ANS followed them to the cafe and our friend allegedly pointed to Dr Stanberich and made some unfavorable comments about the company he keeps. In subject's opinion, Dr Stanberich was compromised by this totally uncalled for behavior on the part of our friend.

4. In this connection, subject has asked us to convey to you the following strong request: please make sure that Dr Stanberich will not be called upon to testify at an open trial or at any phase of legal procedure which may become public knowledge. In subject's opinion, Dr Stanberich had agreed to serve our purpose only with the thought that his part in the case would remain strictly confidential.

5. Subject told us that he discussed the question of Voices of America broadcasts in the Belorussian language with Messrs [redacted] and [redacted]. These gentlemen expressed their interest, their agreement in principle with his aspirations, and their wish ultimately to assist in pushing for such a program. They had merely argued against any immediate action because of tactical considerations. Subject meanwhile had a conversation regarding this matter with Mr Kohler of VOA on 24 March 1952 in which he learned the following.

6. Some two months ago, Kohler proposed to the State Department in Washington that a total of twelve languages be added to the existing VOA program to include Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Belorussian, and Asiatic languages such as Arab and Indian dialects. State replied to Kohler that such an ambitious expansion could not be carried out at this time for financial reasons but that a project of adding five languages would receive favorable attention; broadcasts in these additional five languages could be

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started by June, 1952. Kohler replied to State that he would leave the choice of the five languages entirely up to Washington.

7. Subject states that Kohler privately admitted to him that he would give a high priority to Belorussian and would definitely include it among the five languages to be added but that these views had not been communicated to Washington. Subject believes that this was the time for representations on behalf of a Belorussian language program. Among the arguments which could be advanced in favor of including Belorussian was could include the fact that Belorussian was more different from Russian than, for example, the three mentioned Scandinavian languages differ among themselves. Aside from the political consideration of separatism, it could be argued, therefore, that Russian language broadcasts would be less intelligible in Belorussian than Danish language broadcasts would be in Sweden. He pointed out furthermore that not only the Vatican but also Madrid had now initiated Belorussian language broadcasts.

8. Subject's reaction to your message on the magazine project was very mild. He apparently had forgotten that no reaction from you could be expected until summer, but he did not seem to be disturbed.

9. He hinted that certain funds should have been forthcoming to him for activating some projects he had discussed with you, but stated somewhat philosophically that in the absence of such funds, he would simply be unable to take the desired action. He did not know whether this remark refers to the magazine project and showed no curiosity whatever.

10. Although this may appear obvious, we wish to emphasize once again that subject and not we brought up the aforementioned matters and that we made it absolutely clear to him that we could do no more than provide a channel to the proper people.

11. Subject requested that we pass on to you the number of his checking account in case you wished to make any deposit to it in the future.

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